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## Call for Socialist State Convention

The Socialists of Maine are hereby called to meet in their respective town and city caucuses and county conventions to elect delegates to a state convention to be held at Augusta, Monday, May 2d, at 11 a. m.

The basis of representation to be as follows: Each county shall be entitled to one delegate at large. Each city, town or plantation containing one or more members in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate and to one additional delegate for every fifteen members, or major fraction thereof, based upon the average number of members in good standing for a period of six months prior to the date of such convention.

No person shall be qualified to act as a delegate who has not been a member of the party in good standing for one year immediately preceding the convention, unless the local of which he or she is a member has been organized within one year.

This convention is called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor; a candidate for State Auditor; selecting a State Committee; framing a State Platform; passing upon reports submitted by the State Committee, and for transacting any other business that may legally come before it.

Issued by the State Committee
March 14, 1910.

N. W. Lermond of Thomaston, secretary.
E. A. Loring of Freeport, chairman.

**Every County, every Congressional District and every Legislative Class should have a Socialist ticket in the field this year. This is important, Comrades, so get busy, and get busy before it's too late.**

**The ordinary voter balks at voting a ticket that is mostly blank, or only half full. So, "fill it up," by nominating a candidate for each and every office.**

### THE PROPAGANDA MEETING

The winter affords an opportunity for propaganda meetings of a type which are successful only in the winter. But these meetings are so valuable not only in reaching non-Socialists but in increasing the esprit de corps of the local itself as to be eminently worth while. The following description may be helpful to some local which has not awakened to the advantages of such a meeting.

The meeting is held in a small hall where fifty or sixty people will look like a good company and people will sit near enough each other to feel neighborly if not confidential. The hall is warm and well ventilated.

Promptly on the hour the Financial Secretary opens the meeting, a chairman is chosen and the minutes read, for the local is demonstrating its methods and fifteen minutes demonstration of this kind if accomplished in an orderly, business-like way, is worth more than an hour's lecture. Only necessary business is done and in a few minutes a song is announced and the local members lead the singing of a song in which the rest are soon able to join. Then follows a declamation by a bright boy, a girl reads, a short paper is given and a musical selection is offered. After which a speaker is introduced who for twenty-five minutes develops a point in favor of Socialism. The musical selection offered at the close of the address is carefully selected so that all may join in the singing and the people are prepared to take part in the question box which closes the program.

Sometimes it is well to have refreshments; always it is good not to make an immediate break for home, but to spend a while in social enjoyment.

Note: 1. The program should be short but to the point. This is a Socialist propaganda meeting, not a sociable. 2. The Literature agent should be early with his table and active in the presentation of his wares. 3. The meeting should proceed with the same order as any local meeting and the minutes kept that the local may get hints from their experience as to the value of the various parts.

Much more could be said, but my space is already filled and I will leave this topic for this time.

Orville J. Guptill.

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The problem of production has been solved by labor-saving machinery and cooperation, the problem of the future is how to justly distribute the products of human labor. When the principles of Socialism are applied to distribution, this problem will, also, be solved.

### THE WORKER'S FEAST

By W. H. Bruce

The lark sings in the early morn—
The worker toils from break of day,
With hope that he may gain a sou,
Above epense to lay away.

He toils in hope and lives in want,
For better things than he can earn;
He toils and thinks he sees his star—
But he has other things to learn.

The rich man eats with silver spoon
And knife and fork and napkin ring;
The worker toils and eats his crust
With iron spoon or anything.

He works and toils, in hope to see
The day when he can be rich too;
In which he'll have a full fledged home,
And time for other things to do.

But stranger still than all, is truth,—
He lives in error every day;
Misguided by the mental food,
Prepared by those to lead astray.

He reads the rich man's very wants,
In papers printed by his hire;
He goes and votes the rich man's wants,
And burns his fingers in the fire.

You fools who toil and make the wealth,
That paves the roads and builds the trusts—
When prices soar beyond your reach,
You humbly bow and live on crusts.

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### PROPAGANDA FUND

(To send the Comrade to the Granges in Maine).

| | |
|---|---|
| Reported last month, | $2 15 |
| P. F. Morse, | 20 |
| Local Portland, | 1 00 |
| H. S. Hobbs, | 1 00 |
| A Friend, | 32 |
| Local Old Orchard, | 1 00 |
| " Thomaston, | 1 00 |
| " Freeport, | 1 80 |
| Frank Cushman, | 50 |
| John Estes, | 25 |
| G. A. Whitman, | 25 |
| J. W. Simpson, | 05 |
| F. A. Manter, | 1 00 |
| Local Augusta, | 1 00 |
| Total to date, | $11 52 |

We still need $18.48 to complete this job. Now, Comrades, let's clean this up before next issue. Locals that have not yet contributed should get busy and send in a dollar.

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The Socialists come from 2000 up ter a half million in twenty years. Thar's a reason.

## HUSTLER'S COLUMN

[Edited by Percy F. Morse.]

### Subscription Record For February

Wanted—308 readers to each send in one subscriber to the Maine Comrade, this month; price 20 cents for the year.

| County | Off | On | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Doing Things, over 100** | | | |
| ? | | | |
| **Beats the Doctor, 51 tc 100** | | | |
| Knox | 0 | 13 | 70 |
| Cumberland | 1 | 11 | 60 |
| **Good Health, 26 to 50** | | | |
| Other states | 0 | 4 | 27 |
| **On the Mend, 11 to 25** | | | |
| Kennebec | 0 | 2 | 24 |
| Aroostook | 0 | 15 | 23 |
| Androscoggin | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| Penobscot | 0 | 10 | 18 |
| York | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Waldo | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| **Sick, 1 to 10** | | | |
| Somerset | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| Hancock | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Sagadahoc | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Lincoln | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Washington | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Oxford | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Piscataquis | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **Dead (?)** | | | |
| Franklin | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 4 | 62 | 308 |

I've heard of a single person being brought to life, but here's a whole county come to life without any outside help. Piscataquis is now in the hands of the doctor, and needs careful nursing, as its pulse only beats once per month.

We hope Franklin County will come to life, as it is hard to work on dead ones.

Somerset county suddenly taken sick. Will some physician kindly administer a stimulant.

Aroostook is the banner county this month, it jumps six points.

An increase of 58 subs. for February. What will it be for March? Let's make it an even hundred.

Every member of the Socialist party in Maine, also every Socialist should subscribe to the Maine Comrade, because it keeps you informed as to the socialist activities in the State.

Watch the report of subs. to this paper, also the report of membership. It will be interesting reading from now on.

Look at the modesty of Local Lubec. Comrade McBriety says: "It is in fair working condition," but look at its membership. 17 members and all in good standing. The rest of us should get busy.

Norridgewock with 16 members and Yarmouth with 6 members all in good standing is a record to be proud of.

Hereafter subscription reports close on the last day of the month and must be in the hands of the State Sec'y not later than the 2d day of the following month to be counted.

## COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Calls have gone out for the holding of Socialist County Conventions as follows:

KNOX COUNTY, at the resiat Rockland, Saturday, April 23rd, at 1 p. m.

OXFORD COUNTY, at the resi-dence of A. D. Parmenter, Norway, Wednesday, April 6.

LINCOLNVILLE COUNTY, in Dr.Gorham's office, Saturday, April 9, at 10 a. m.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, in theG. A. R. Hall, Yarmouth, Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, March 26.

## ECHOES FROM THE FIELD

Keep your eye on Portland!

Our two locals in Aroostook have got into action. Others on the way.

Local Augusta is discussing the co-operative plan of buying and considerable interest is being aroused.

Stephen P. Ackley has been elected a delegate to the state convention from Local East Machias.

Locals desiring a lecture by Walter Thomas Mills, at $15.00 and entretainment, should write this office at once.

In declining the nomination for State Organizer, Comrade Guptill remarks: "I am tempted to accept the nomination, but I am not in a position financially to give myself to the work, so I must regretfully decline the nomination and hope to be of some service, unofficially."

Locals Lubec and East Machias are planning to get out a call soon for a Socialist convention for Washington county.

Comrade Percy L. Morse has been elected a delegate to the State convention by Local Portland and Comrade Clarence V. Hoar as alternate.

Local Presque Isle has reorganized with ten members and elected Chas. W. Connor, Recording Secretary and Guy B. Chandler, Financial Secretary.

At the annual meeting of Local Portland, held Feb. 8, Comrade Clarence V. Hoar was elected Recording Secretary, and Percy F. Morse, Financial Secretary and Organizer.

Comrade England, who has recently returned to his Portland home from a three months' trip to Europe, says the working class of France and Italy is on the very border of the Cooperative Commonwealth.

The Comrades of Locals Presque Isle and Mapleton are taking steps to organize Aroostook county and will hold a county convention in the near future for that purpose and to nominate a county ticket, elect a delegate to state convention, etc.

Comrade George G. Hall, one of the best known and most active workers in the Socialist party of Massachusetts, expects to spend two weeks in Maine, July 1st to 15th, with headquarters at Brunswick. Comrade Hall is at home on the soap box, and while here in Maine will be glad to fill dates on the very reasonable terms of one dollar and expenses for each meeting. Locals in the vicinity of Brunswick should take advantage of this liberal offer.

Portland, Me., March 1, 1910.

To the Socialists of Maine.

Greetings: The Portland Local takes pleasure in announcing that it has recently taken on new life, and is determined from now on to push the organization. Our annual election of officers took place on February 8, with the following result: Clarence V. Hoar, Sec'y; P. F. Morse, Fin. Sec'y and Organizer. The comrades showed unusual interest and the feeling was strong that now is the time to work for Socialism. This month's report will show an improvement in our standing.

We observed Women's Day with addresses by Mrs. W. F. Fernald, President, and Mrs. Geo. F. French, Treasurer, of the Maine Women's Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Geo. Allan England, wife of the noted magazine writer. We had a good audience and considerable interest was shown.

Our plan from now on is to hold a public meeting every Sunday afternoon. Discussing such questions as, "The Moral Effect of Child Labor," "The Effect Commercial Employment Has on Women," etc.

We want Socialism! Do you?

Fraternally yours,

P. F. Morse, Organizer.

## Report of Locals for the Month of February, 1910

| Locals | Membership To Date | Membership Total | New | Due Stamps Sold | Due Stamps OnHand | Litera'e Sold orDist'd | Meetings Bus. | Meetings Prop'a | Cash on hand |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Augusta | 7 | 14 | | 5 | 12 | $ 50 | 1 | | $8 94 |
| Bath | 2 | 13 | | 6 | 5 | | 1 | | 2 68 |
| Camden | 3 | 12 | | 3 | 8 | | | | 3 25 |
| East Machias | 4 | 22 | 10 | 16 | | 50 | 1 | | 1 65 |
| Ellsworth | 9 | 23 | 2 | 19 | 6 | | 1 | | 7 25 |
| Lincolnville | 6 | 24 | | 12 | | 90 | 2 | | |
| Long Cove | 11 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 17 | | 2 | 3 | 12 00 |
| Lubec | 17 | 17 | | 13 | 10 | | 1 | | 1 30 |
| Madison | 9 | 11 | | 10 | 40 | | | | 70 |
| Norway | 1 | 5 | | 1 | 8 | | | | 90 |
| Old Orchard | 5 | 7 | | | 6 | | 3 | | |
| Portland | 22 | 58 | 6 | 89 | 9 | | 4 | 1 | 19 97 |
| Presque Isle | 5 | 21 | 1 | | | 2 00 | 1 | 1 | |
| Rockland | 13 | 44 | 1 | 48 | 12 | | 4 | | 5 00 |
| (Finnish) | 14 | 31 | | 9 | 20 | | 1 | 1 | 29 53 |
| Thomaston | 13 | 27 | 4 | 11 | 4 | | 3 | | 1 38 |
| Warren | 6 | 39 | | 19 | 16 | 1 50 | 1 | | 68 |
| Yarmouth | 8 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 50 | 3 | | 7 83 |
| Total | 155 | 389 | 22 | 272 | 199 | 5 90 | 29 | 6 | 103 06 |

Locals not reporting, 21.

N. W. LERMOND, State Secretary.

### STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1910

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand Feb. 1st | | $2 41 |
| For Due stamps: | | |
| Local Bath, | $1 00 | |
| " Ellsworth, | 2 00 | |
| " Norway, | 1 00 | |
| " Bangor, | 2 00 | |
| " Freeport, | 1 00 | |
| " Portland, | 4 00 | |
| " Old Orchard, | 20 | |
| " Wiscasset, | 2 00 | |
| " Warren, | 3 20 | |
| " Yarmouth, | 50 | |
| " Rockland, | 4 00 | |
| " Long Cove, | 2 00 | |
| M.atL. A. F. Nutting, | 60 | |
| " Virgil P. Hall, | 2 40 | |
| " G. M. Twombly, | 60 | |
| " C. M. Stevens, | 40 | |
| " Frank Cushman, | 40 | |
| " G. A. Whitman, | 40 | |
| " John Estes, | 20 | 27 90 |
| Supplies: | | |
| Local Bath, | $ 70 | |
| " Yarmouth, | 10 | |
| " Old Orchard, | 05 | 85 |
| Gold pins and buttons, | | 1 05 |
| Literature, | | 4 20 |
| Bundle orders for Comrade, | | 7 93 |
| Subs. for Comrade, | | 9 40 |
| Propaganda Fund: | | |
| Local Portland, | $1 00 | |
| " Old Orchard, | 1 00 | |
| " Thomaston, | 1 00 | |
| A. F. Nutting, | 40 | |
| L. E. Bramhall, | 1 00 | |
| A Friend, | 32 | |
| P. F. Morse, | 20 | |
| H. S. Hobbs, | 1 00 | 5 92 |
| Subs. for other papers, | | 1 80 |
| State Secretary's salary: | | |
| Local Freeport, | | 50 |
| Total, | | $61 96 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Postage on letters, | $6 98 | |
| " supplies, | 21 | |
| " literature, | 03 | |
| " Comrade, | 1 21 | 8 43 |
| Money orders, | | 22 |
| Express, | | 1 05 |
| Car fares, | | 80 |
| Stationery, | | 46 |
| Maine Register, 1909-10 | | 2 00 |
| Chas. H. Kerr & Co., subs., I. S. Rev. | | 80 |
| W. F. Ries, Men and Mules, | | 2 00 |
| Nat'l Sec'y Barnes, Due stamps, | | 10 00 |
| Nat'l Sec'y Barnes, supplies, | | 4 10 |
| N. Y. Daily Call, subs., | | 40 |
| Wilshire's, subs., | | 30 |
| Caslon Press, 1000 envelopes, | | 2 50 |
| Opinion Pub. Co., printing Comrade, | | 15 00 |
| State Secretary's salary, | | 10 00 |
| Total, | | $58 06 |
| Bal. on hand Feb. 28, | | 3 90 |
| | | $61 96 |

**Dues Stamp Account for February**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On hand Feb. 1st, | | 80 |
| Rec'd from Nat'l Sec'y, | | 160 |
| | | 240 |
| Sold Locals, | 209 | |
| " M. at L.'s, | 25 | 234 |
| Bal. on hand, Feb. 28, | | 6 |

Fraternally submitted,

N. W. Lermond,
State Secretary.

### RESULT OF THE REFERENDUM For NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

| Local | C. P. Wight | E. A. Loring |
|---|---|---|
| Kennebunk | 5 | |
| Old Orchard | 4 | 1 |
| Warren | 15 | 1 |
| Portland | | 14 |
| Norway | 3 | 1 |
| Freeport | 2 | 10 |
| M. at L. | | |
| G. A. Whitman | 1 | |
| Gilbert L. Forbus | 1 | |
| Totals | 31 | 27 |

C. P. Wight is, therefore, elected National Committeeman for ensuing year.

Result of Referendum on Time and Place for Holding the State Convention:

| Local | Augusta | Rockland |
|---|---|---|
| Kennebunk | 5 | |
| Yarmouth | 8 | |
| Warren | 15 | 1 |
| Portland | | 14 |
| Thomaston | 7 | |
| Madison | 10 | |
| Freeport | 10 | 3 |
| M. at L. | | |
| G. A. Whitman | 1 | |
| Totals | 56 | 18 |

Augusta is, therefore, selected as the place for holding the convention.

| Locals | May 2 | Apr. 30 | Scattering |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kennebunk | 5 | | |
| Yarmouth | 8 | | |
| Warren | 16 | | |
| Old Orchard | 5 | | |
| Portland | | 14 | |
| Thomaston | 7 | | |
| M. at L. | | | |
| Freeport | 3 | | 3 |
| G. A. Whitman | 1 | | |
| Totals | 43 | 14 | 3 |

May 2d has, therefore, been selected as the date for holding the convention.

N. W. Lermond,
State Secretary.

### FROM A SOCIALIST SENATOR

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 18, 1910

The Maine Comrade,
Thomaston, Me.

Dear Comrades: Your last edition—a "Farmer's Edition," I take it, is just at hand, and I like it so well that I hasten to tell you so.

The state paper is one of the features of our party organization—as distinguished from mere propaganda—that must be developed. We have not enough means of getting that common fund of information and knowledge of party events and processes which is an absolutely essential basis of the "capacity for self-government." Given this latter, based upon intelligent knowledge of what is going on, and we need not be afraid of the demagogues.

If there is one reason more than another why the American people do not govern themselves right now, it is that they do not have the capacity to govern themselves. If they possessed that capacity, they would not submit to the misgovernment of others. And the development of this capacity for social self-control is part of the task of the Socialist party.

I note that the three methods by which this social self-control is being achieved are all recognized in the Maine Comrade: The Socialist Party on the political field, the Labor Unions on the industrial field, and the Cooperatives in the commercial field. All are necessary; all have proven their value for the working class; and the power developed in each of these fields "ripens at a certain point" into the capacity for social control.

I appreciate the Comrade. Keep a-hammerin'!

Yours very sincerely,
Winfield R. Gaylord.

If Socialism don't mean nothin' ter ther farmer, it don't mean nothin' ter nobody. Thar's a reason.

## LETTER BOX

Old Orchard, Me., March 7, 1910.
Editor Maine Comrade:

Socialists nominated full town ticket at municipal election. Cast 4 votes for all officers. Other parties failed to have candidate for Truant officer and Comrade Eugene H. Stone was elected for ensuing year by 4 votes cast. Town also voted unanimously to use Australian Ballot in municipal elections. Petition was circulated by our Secretary, Comrade John A. Borrows, for this article in the warrant. We are stirring them up some.

Fraternally, C. P. Wight.

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Skowhegan, Feb. 2, 1910.
Comrade Lermond:

It is pretty late in the new year, but better late than never, that I send you my dues as a member for this year.

Have been a member for about ten years and though past seventy and in very poor health, I mean to be a member one year more, whether alive or dead.

I have had the International Socialist Review and the Appeal for quite a number of years, so I have all the reading that my shattered brain can stand. I enclose money for membership, "The Comrade" and a Socialist pin.

Yours for Socialism,
Virgil P. Hall, Mayfield.

[This is the kind of letter we like to receive; it breathes the true Socialist spirit. Oh! if more, especially the young, had this spirit—how things would move!]

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### Meeting of the State Executive Committee at State Headquarters, March 6, 1910

Called to order by the State Secretary at 2 p. m. Present Comrades Hobbs, Bramhall and Lermond.

Comrade Hobbs chosen chairman.

Records of last preceding meeting read and approved.

The State Secretary read his financial report for February. Accepted.

Comrades Hobbs and Bramhall audited the Secretary's accounts and found them correct.

A letter from Comrade Geo. G. Hall, jr., of Dorchester, Mass., relating to a proposed soap-box lecture tour of Maine the first two weeks in July, was read by the Secretary.

Voted to lay the matter before the locals to arrange dates for Comrade Hall.

Voted that the State Secretary open correspondence with managers of the "Appeal" in relation to having Comrade Debs come to Maine for a lecture tour.

The Committee believe that nothing would help the movement in this state quite as much as the placing of four thousand Appeal sub-cards and in connection with these, four lectures by Comrade Debs.

Adjournment at 4:20 p. m.

Fraternally submitted,
N. W. Lermond,
State Secretary.

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**We have plenty of the February issue of the Comrade still on hand. Order a bundle for distribution amongst the farmers in your town.**

# Referendum for the Selection of a Candidate for Governor and Auditor; State Secretary and State Organizer

### FOR GOVERNOR

The following Candidates have been nominated for Governor and accept the nomination: Robert V. Hunter, of Freeport, by Locals Warren, Kennebunk and Norway; Percy F. Morse, of Woodfords, by Local Freeport. Curtis A. Perry, of Bridgton, has also been nominated by Local Augusta and members at large, G. A. Whitman, but has not been heard from.

**Ballot**

Robert V. Hunter, of Freeport, ☐

Percy F. Morse, of Woodfords, ☐

Curtis A. Perry, of Bridgton, ☐

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### FOR STATE AUDITOR

The following Candidates have been nominated for State Auditor and accept the nomination: Frank A. Conant, of Lewiston, by Locals Warren and Kennebunk; L. E. Bramhall, of Camden, by Local Freeport; F. A. Manter, of Anson, by Local Madison. John O'Neil, of Bath, has also been nominated by Local Bath, but has not been heard from.

**Ballot**

Frank A. Conant, of Lewiston, ☐

L. E. Bramhall, of Camden, ☐

F. A. Manter, of Anson, ☐

John O'Neil, of Bath. ☐

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### FOR STATE SECRETARY

N. W. Lermond, of Warren, has been nominated by Locals Freeport, Warren, Kennebunk, Portland, Madison, Norway, Augusta and Wiscasset and by Member at Large G. A. Whitman and accepts the nomination. Fred E. Irish, of Portland, has also been nominated by Local Bath, but has not been heard from.

**Ballot**

N. W. Lermond, of Warren, ☐

Fred E. Irish, of Portland, ☐

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### FOR STATE ORGANIZER

The following Candidates have been nominated and accept the nomination: Percy F. Morse, of Woodfords, by Locals Kennebunk and Portland; Grace V. Silver, of Auburn, by Locals Lubec, East Machias and Wiscasset.

**Ballot**

Percy F. Morse, of Woodfords, ☐

Grace V. Silver, of Auburn, ☐

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Local, or M. at L. .....

Date ..... 1910

Signed ..... Chairman

..... Secretary

Note: Local Secretaries should place the Total Number of votes cast for each candidate in the square opposite the respective candidates' name. Members at Large should place an X in the square opposite the name of candidate they wish to vote for. If you do not wish to cut your Comrade, a separate sheet of paper may be used for ballot.

**Ballots, to be counted, must reach State Headquarters on or before April 8.**

The following Comrades declined nominations: John W. Brown for Governor, by Local Madison, N. W. Lermond for Governor, by Local Yarmouth, Carl Miller for State Auditor, by Local Norway and Member at Large G. A. Whitman. Robert V. Hunter for State Secretary, by Local Yarmouth. Orville J. Guptill for State Organizer, by Locals Warren, Freeport, Yarmouth, Augusta and Bath. H. S. Hobbs for State Organizer, by Local Norway.